

COMMUNITY ACTION BOARD ADVANCE
MINUTES

August 10, 2011

Present: Awichu Akwayna, , Nelson Leone; Sonia Ruiz, Ana Briones-Espinoza, Filipa Rios, Scott Suckow; Keith Stevenson, and Paul Moose

Excused: Denise Reed, Adriana Paulson, Rebecca Baez; Jasmin Kirkland; Margie de Ruyter, and Jeannine Nash

Absent: Ann Durham

Staff: Sylvia Melena, Juana S. Duenas, Corinne M. Rodriguez

Guests: Yolanda Valdez, Assistant Deputy Director, South Region

Call to Order: (Ana Briones-Espinoza – Chair) **5:37 P.M.**
Roll Call:
Roundtable - Introductions

Acceptance of Agenda
Moved: Keith Stevenson Second: Nelson Leone Unanimous

Approval of Minutes
• July 13,, 2011
Moved: Awichu Akwayna Second: Filipa Rios Unanimous

Action Items: CAB discussion and recommendation to fill alternate vacancy for the Economically Disadvantaged Sector in Central Region.
Approval of the following Board Letters:
• Juvenile Diversion Program
Moved: Nelson Leone Second: Awichu Akwanya Unanimous
• CAB By-Laws - **Tabled for CAB Retreat**
Moved: Nelson Leone Second: Scott Suckow No Abstentions
• CAB Vacancy Appointments
Moved: Nelson Leone Second: Scott Suckow Unanimous

Handouts:

- Juvenile Diversion Services Board Letter
- Appointments to the Community Action Board
- Community Action Board By-Laws Board Letter
- Community Action Board By-Laws
- CAP FY10-11/CY2011 Expenditure Report
- San Diego Community Action Partnership Newsletter

Presentations: ✓ Yolanda Valdez

Juvenile Diversion Board Letter

- To fund Juvenile Diversion for FY2011-12. Although the BOS anticipated program funding would be eliminated, JD services will be funded at a reduced level (1.4 million to 1.2 million).
 - The purpose of the board letter is to get BOS approval to extend the contracting authority for the entire fiscal year (FY 2011-12). It is still unknown if these contracts will extend into the future.
 - Current contracted agencies were selected through an RFP process in 2005.
- For current services, a meeting was held with the JD providers to discuss their recommendations.
 - Two options for their consideration:
 - Cut services across the board to both community based services and residential services; or
 - Eliminate residential services.
 - Stakeholders determined it was best to eliminate residential service. Reducing residential services will leave more dollars for core services. It was also decided that the integrity of the community-based services was more essential.

- JD residential services will be available through September 2011.
- Services will now be provided by 4 agencies rather than 6 (San Diego Youth Services, Social Advocates for Youth, North County Lifeline, Inc. and Boys and Girls Club).
- South Bay Community Services terminated their contract for convenience due to loss of funding that they leveraged against the County's. Contract was terminated their contract about four months ago. They provided residential services in the South Bay area.
- Barrio Station opted out due to loss of substantial City funding which again, they were using to leverage against our services. Remaining providers will pick-up Barrio Station's zip code in order to provide community based services to that service area.
- The YMCA which provided services in the Central and North Regions opted out of their contract. County is still working with them to seek alternative funding to continue residential services and to help them develop a mitigation process.
- Social Advocates for Youth would like to keep their Cool Beds in East County. The agency is writing a proposal to see what that would look like.
- Reduction of JD services and the possibility of a board letter were discussed in May, June and July of 2011. CAB was prepared to hold a special meeting in order to review it. Yolanda Valdez and her team were available to provide more detail at that time, but they were able to get authority to extend residential services for three more months.
- Outcomes: In FY2010-11, 1,951 youths were provided community based services. The contract requirements were 1,793. There were 2,515 bed nights. 1,510 Bed Nights is what will be lost in the coming 9 months. In 2010-11 the YMCA, SDYS and South Bay Community Services served a total 202 youths.

Discussion:

✓ CAB Vacancies

Appointments to the Community Action Board

- Current Board members whose terms expired need new confirmation from the BOS to serve another term.
- Mark Tran is interested in the vacancy for the Economically Disadvantaged Sector in Central Region / Alternate (interview pending). He attended June's CAB meeting. Awichu offered to contact him.
- Marsha McKay was interviewed for District 2 but she called and informed CAP she will not be able to serve. CAP staff will contact appropriate Supervisory District office to inform of this change.
- CAB has 2 vacancies: District 2, Supervisor Jacobs and District 5, Supervisor Horn. Outreach materials have been sent out by CAP staff and CAB member, Adriana Poulson to potential interested parties and/or to forward to interested persons in District 5. CAB members were encouraged to seek candidates to fill the Public vacancies.
- Next month CAP is having a State Desk Review and vacancies were one of the findings that we have not been able to fulfill. The finding prompted a monthly memo be sent to CSD regarding CAB's outreach activities and the status of vacancies.

✓ Juana Duenas

Community Action Board By-Laws

- The board had previously agreed to move the board letter forward to the Board of Supervisors. The letter went through County Council and there were some concerns regarding the language regarding residency requirements for CAB membership. CAB wanted to add that CAB members could work/reside in the area that they represent. County Council provided opinion based on the U.S. Code and California Law and added the correct language on page 6, section E of the By-Laws which states that at least 1/3 of the CAB membership representing the Economically Disadvantaged Sector must reside in that sector.
- CAB must maintain that balance and be vigilant when there are any membership changes.

✓ Ana Briones-Espinoza

Public Media/Outreach

- AD HOC Committee: Ana Briones-Espinoza (Chair), Demise Reed, Jeannine Nash, Rebecca Baez and Sonia Ruiz.
 - No report from Ms. Briones.
 - CAP Website, CAB application samples passed out by chair
 - Chair suggested that information that is available on the CAP Website be incorporated into the workgroup's outreach activities at CAB retreat and do it with everyone's participation.
 - Sylvia offered to send sample cover letter from the Child Care and Development Planning Council to Corinne.

- ✓ CAP FY10-11/CY2011 Expenditure Report
 - CAB requested more clarification on the report.
- ✓ CAB Retreat
 - Friday, September 16th from 12 noon to 4:30 p.m.
 - Venue: Rebecca Baez has a location in Kearny Mesa.
 - Regular CAB Agenda at beginning of meeting and then Retreat Agenda.
 - Ana Briones-Espinoza handed out a tentative agenda. CAP staff will review and provide draft agenda to CAB Chair prior to retreat.
 - Project Manager Tool will be utilized to track CAB's progress and future projects.
 - It was noted that the CAB Retreat Agenda has many items to cover in 4 1/2 hours.
 - Thrive presentation will be tabled.

Director's Report: Sylvia Melena – None given

Action Items:

- CAP Staff will provide support to CAB Chair to develop agenda for September retreat.
- Juana will send revised CAP By-Laws to members. Track changes to be sent to Juana so she can incorporate changes into her master.

CAB Member's Reports None

Announcements: None

Adjournment:

Moved: Nelson Leone

Second: Sonia Ruiz

7:07 PM

Approved by Consensus

Minutes approved by:

Ana Briones-Espinoza, Chair

Date